

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant: David C. Lowery et al.

Serial No.: 10/677,120

Filed: October 1, 2003

Docket No.: I201.158.102

Title: MAGNETIC RECORDING TAPE MEDIA HAVING LOW ABRASIVITY AND RELIABLE MEDIA PERFORMANCE

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is presented to correct an unintentional and obvious typographical error in the specification. In particular, the inadvertent, typographical error in the “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” of “10/263,373” has been corrected to be “10/263,378”. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to correct an obvious error does not constitute new matter.

The typographical error in question relates to cross-referencing the pending application as a continuation-in-part of a co-pending application. Application Serial No. 10/263,373 (i.e., set forth in the application as filed with typographical error) is an application entitled “System for Activating a Weapon with an Identification Mechanism”, and lists Gaston Glock as the sole inventor. The pending application is entitled “Magnetic Recording Tape Media Having Low Abrasivity and Reliable Media Performance”, and lists David Lowery and Ryosuke Isobe as joint inventors. Clearly, then, Application Serial No. 10/263,373 is unrelated to the pending application based on even a cursory review of the titles. Further, because the pending application does not have at least one inventor common with Application Serial No. 10/263,373, the pending application cannot be a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 10/263,373. Thus, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the specification reference to “10/263,373” contained an error.

In contrast, Application Serial No. 10/263,378 is entitled “Magnetic Recording Medium with Dual Layer Front Coating and Method of Manufacturing”, and names David Lowery and Ryosuke Isobe as joint inventors. Based on the titles alone, the subject matter of Application Serial No. 10/263,378 is clearly related to the pending application. Further, the inventive entity of the pending application and Application Serial No. 10/263,378 is identical. Thus, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the typographical error in the specification as filed should be corrected to read “Application Serial No. 10/263,378”.

Finally, it is noted that the undersigned was the registered practitioner that drafted and filed the pending application, and confirms that the serial number intended to be recited in the specification was and is Application Serial No. 10/263,378.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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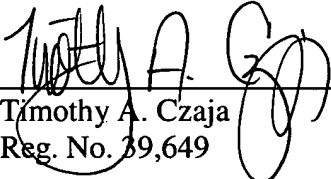
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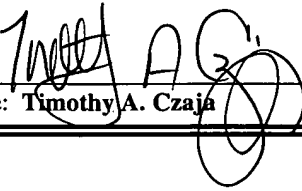
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